

REMARKS

The undersigned notes with appreciation that the drawings filed March 5, 2004 have been accepted.

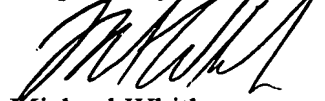
In the previous office action, the Examiner noted that claims 6-8 were allowed, and that claims 9 and 10 were drawn to allowable subject matter. By this amendment, claim 4 has been amended to include the recitation of dependent claim 9, and claim 5 has been amended to include the recitation of dependent claim 10. Claims 9 and 10 have been canceled.

The amendment makes moot the rejection of claims 4 and 5, and places the application in *prima facie* condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 4-8 at an early date is requested.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041.

Respectfully submitted,



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